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In re Application of: )  
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CPA of Application No. 09/576,492 )  
filed May 23, 2000 )  
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For: PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT DRIVING )  
CIRCUIT AND DRIVING METHOD )

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) by a concurrently-filed Request for Continued Prosecution Application and in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002 (Paper No. 7), the period for response to which extends through November 27, 2002, please amend this application as follows prior to examination on the merits as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A piezoelectric element driving circuit for driving a plurality of piezoelectric elements disposed in a plurality of ink jet head units which are able to control velocity and size of ink droplets being proportional to an acceleration and intensity of deformation of the piezoelectric element, comprising: